

I surely hope those that make the policy decisions at the FCC that govern Amateur radio, understand the importance in the role we amateur radio operators play in Emergency Communications, and that this is not just a HOBBY to many of us. I operate on HF, so I can speak to the issues at hand about interference because of bandwidth, but is it so widespread that it warrants the degradation or even the destruction(with the loss of PactorIII) of such a valuable tool such as Winlink?, which has the potential to be a benefit to "ALL" of the public at large, at the cost of some inconvenience to a few for their "OWN" benefit?

I've been involved in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Service for many years and have seen much change. With the recent addition of the Winlink 2000 System, these services have seen a tremendous growth and as such provide a great benefit to the public. Pactor III is vital to these services should an emergency occur here in the US or around the world!

How many times has amateur radio been the only medium of communication just after an emergency? RM-11392 is not only bad for amateur radio, but to the US public and to other nations around the world.

Thank You,

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